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PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS.

The following paper was read before the last meeting of the Woman's Club by Mrs. S. P. Denning, and was a live subject in Roswell that the Record takes great pleasure in presenting it to our readers

cognized as one of the most marked of manual training and domestic of the instincts of the young of all science, the animal species, and as man began to grow in civilization it came to be considered as an essential in the proper development of the child mind.

decadence of

ers there is ample record. place for the children to play. What come when it is conceded that corresponds to a block of our measfact being so great that at first there points in the East End of London, was steady playtime. most of whom are in use to this day.

With the customary conservatism of to spread, and it was taken up and put in practice more generally first so timely and gave so much light on by the Germans, who through all time have been the greatest lover of the child the world has known, and to whom we owe the Kindergarten, and The play instinct has long been re- the foundation of our present system

At this time America was a new

land. All of outdoors was at the command of the little people, and it was more than fifty years before the Sir Henry Baker, the great London arst public playground was establish-Physician, over one hundred years ed in the city of Paltimore the city ago gave it as his opinion that the itself owning the tract used for the the purpose. Since that time hundreds London born and bred Englishman of similar grounds have been opened was due to a very great degree to the up in various parts of the country. fact tout in his childhood the play with uniform satisfaction and benefit instinct was suppressed, or if it was to the children. The tendency all allowed to exist, most sadly pervert- ever the country is and has been for ed. It could hardly be otherwise the public playeround movement to when there were no places in which be chanpioned by the Women's Clubs the children of the people could play and societies, and it is en tais account except in the streets, of whose dang- that the work of the committee of this club looking toward the estab-The first public playground in the lisament of a public playground in world was established in the city of Roswell is of particular significance. London in the spring of 1808, I use The time is only just now coming the torm "public" in the abstract that such a play place for the children sense, as referring to a place where was necessary. The town is just be there was no natural and suitable ginning to be a city, and the time ass children should have sanctuary from urement of land was cleared of all the street playground, and that they obstructions and supplied with trees should be provided with a place of and grass, and all sorts of play-acces their own, supplied with all of the sories. Of course the innovation tools of funranking, swings, sandmade a great hit, and children came piles, croquet grounds, simple out-door for miles to play there, the number in gymnasium apparatus for the boys, and among them a bit of the green was no room for them to play at all. with which nature has not been too By the generosity of Her Royal generous in this country, some flowers and trees-reminding them that the mothers of the land. the grounds were much enlarged and the grown-up children never forget reveral others placed at different that dim and distant time when life

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ground. The city owns a little par let lying north of Tenth street and be tween Lea and Missouri avenues. It was dedicated to the city by the Man Who Blazed the Way, the late Captain J. C Lea. In the rapid growth of the city, the municipal government has had no money available to improve this tract as it should be, and the happy thought accurred to a member of this club: "Why should not the Woman's Club take this little park and turn it into a playground for the children?" The idea was so wise that it took root, and under the direction of Mrs. Pruit, Mrs. William son and Mrs. Wilkinson, who had been appointed as a committee, the matter was brought before the park commission and that body instantly endorsed the plan, referring it to the superior body, the city council, by whom the park was turned over to the club, without a dissenting vote. The understanding is that the club is to make the necessary improvements, and this work has already be run. The idea so pleased several adjoining property owners, that they agreed to turn their vacant lots into the playground, for the use of the children of the city. The tract is ideally located, perfectly drained, and it will not take tnuch money to put it into fine shape. Considering the difficulties encountered at the beginning and the many distractions, political and otherwise, the committee and the club have done extremely well, tho it has been difficult to fix the minds the English, the idea was very slow of the people upon the idea of the playground. This difficulty I think has now been largely overcome, and it is sincerely to be hoped that the matter of the playground will be carried to completion before the annual summer adjournment of the club, so that it will not languish during the summer, and so that the trees, grass and flowers may have the henefit of

> this year's growth. It is true that the need for this playground is just begun in Roswell. which is moving from the ranks of frontier towns to that of a stately and modern city. God made a great party of the whole Pecos valley and Roswell itself is one of the choicest bits. but all of the open ground in the city proper is being rapidly built up with the homes of the people, and it will not be long before there will be no place for the children to play except streets. Death lurks in the streets, bad habits and temptation are not far off, uncleanly habits and unsanitary conditions are taere. The best motherhood of Roswell could do nothing to really help the children of a better class than in developing the public playground. As the years pass by and the residence section becomes more and more congested, those of us who help in this work will be called blessed by calldren and parents alike, and it should be a great pleasure and privilege for we have the divine admonition that "inasmuca as ve have done it unto the least of these, my children, ye have done it unto me.' To provide a place for healthy, whole some play is of almost as great importance as any other passe of child culture, the grandest thing that is laid upon the daughters of Eve, and

> The plans of the committee as understand them, do not call for the expenditure of a great amount of money. It simply means the use of enough to clear the ground of the sait grass, to plant and care for trees. grass and flowers, and to place the accessories mentioned. Properly begun the annual cost of maintenance will be very small considering the immense amount of good it will do, and for one I think that this club could do nothing better than to give a good part of its time from now on to summer adjournment to the matter of the Children's Public playground, and to have this consideration include the neartiest and most effective support of the Playgrounds Committee,

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